

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 55 and 56 as follows:

Sub 1 55. (New) The method of claim 23 further comprising the step of identifying bacteria to be killed or inhibited.

56. (New) The method of claim 23 wherein the killing or inhibiting of bacteria growth is examined after said bacteria are contacted with said peptide nucleic acid.

IN THE SEQUENCE:

Please delete the Sequence Listing on file and insert therefor, replacement pages 1-14, attached hereto.

REMARKS

Claims 23-54, all the pending claims, are subject to a restriction requirement. New claims 55 and 56 have been added. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 23-56 will be pending. No new matter has been added.

New claims 55 and 56 have been added. Support for new claim 55 can be found, *inter alia*, on page 12, lines 16-22 of the application as originally filed. Support for new claim 56 can be found, *inter alia*, on page 22, lines 17-35 of the application as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Restriction and Election of Species Requirement

The Examiner required Applicants to elect one of the following patentably distinct inventions for examination: